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1. USDEL CARMICHAEL AND MISOFF LUNCHEO OCTOBER 9 WITH STANBURY (CANADIAN MP) AND HAHN OF CANADIAN DEL TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON UNEF/ UNDOF FINANCING. STANBURY CONFIRMED THAT ATTITUDE IN CANADA, BOTH PUBLIC AND IN GOVERNMENT, GRADUALLY BECOMING LESS POSITIVE RE GOC PARTICIPATION IN UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, INCLUDING FEELING THAT CANADIANS BEARING DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RATE OF COSTS. PARTICIPATION IN UNFICYP IS BEING QUESTIONED IN PARTICULAR. STANBURY EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO DANGER FOR PRESENT OF GOC OPTING OUT OF PK OPERATIONS BUT FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS, CANADA COULD NOT BE "TAKEN FOR GRANTED" ANY LONGER.

2. US REPS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CANADIANS, AS IN PAST, WOULD PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN FIFTH COMMITTEE ON SUBJECT: STANBURY, WHILE NOT REPLYING IN NEGATIVE, SAID THAT WITH TRANSFER OF COUNSELOR MATHESON THEY HAD A NEW TEAM WHICH WAS LESS INFORMED AND LACKED CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTACTS AND RAPPORT WITH OTHER DELS WHICH MATHESON ENJOYED. US/

CANADIANS AGREED TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON THIS AND OTHER ITEMS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE SINCE OUR INTERESTS LARGELY COINCIDED. RE UNEF/ UNDOF, STANBURY SAID CANADIANS AGREE THAT PRIORITY CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO (A) FUNDING UNDER ARTICLE 17: AND (B) MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT ASSESSMENT SCALE.

3. ON QUESTION OF RATE OF TROOP REIMBURSEMENT, STANBURY ARGUED THAT GOC COSTS WERE MUCH HIGHER THAN RATE AGREED TO BY TROOP CONTRIBUTORS, THAT AS MINIMUM THEY WANTED SAME RATE AS OTHERS, \$500 WAS NOT EXCESSIVE AND IF SOME CONTRIBUTORS RECEIVED "WINDFALL" THIS NOT CRITICAL AND WORTH ARGUING OVER, AND \$150 SUPPLEMENT FOR TECHNICIANS WAS "IMPORTANT" BECAUSE IF WOULD ESTABLISH PRINCIPLE OF RECOGNIZING HIGHER COSTS FOR SPECIAL SKILLS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT AMOUNT INVOLVED-ROUGHLY \$5,000 FOR CANADIANS AND POLES-WAS INSIGNIFICANT, PRINCIPLE WAS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR UN BUT AS ARGUMENT FOR GOC "BACK HOME".

4. DRAWING ON REFTELS (C) AND (D) IN PARTICULAR, US DEL AND MISOFF PROVIDED USG VIEWS, CONCLUDING THAT OUR ONLY PROBLEM AREA WAS TECHNICIAN RATE AND ASKED STANBURY TO RECONSIDER INVIEW OF MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS CONTAINED LAST PARA ABOVE. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO TACTICS RE GETTING TROOP CONTRIBUTOES AND OTHERS TO HOLD LINE ON PRESENT SCALE, WITH STANBURY SUGGESTING CANADIANS MIGHT PRESS POINT WITH TROOP CONTRIBUTORS IN CONCERT WITH SYG AND USYG DAVIDSON. WE AGREED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH ON ISSUE.

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